(d) whether any licences have been granted, if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) In the recent past, there has not been any change regarding the rules for licensing of vegetable oil mills.

(b) The applications received for setting up of vegetable oil mills (vanaspati ghee) during the last six months are as under:—

Private parties	Joint sector
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(c) Two applications have been received from Bihar one each for joint sector and private sector.

(d) Both the applications have been *prima facie* rejected.

Grant-in-aid to B. M. Institute, Ahmedabad

471. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for sanctioning adequate grant-in-aid to B. M. Institute, Ahmedabad, a premier institution of its kind working for mentally retarded children;

(b) whether Government are aware of some directives issued by the Gujarat High Court for continuing the activities of the Institute;

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) whether Government of State of Gujarat have also recommended to the Ministry for sanctioning adequate grants for the Institute, if so, the reasons for delay in taking a decision?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter is *sub-judice* in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad. This Ministry can consider the case only after the settlement of the legal dispute and in the light of the facts emerging and court pronouncments.

Wheat stock with FCI

472. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the stocks of A, B, C and D category of wheat with the Food Corporation of India at the end of 1986;

(b) what was the lowest and highest categories of wheat stocks with the F.C.I. during 1986 together with reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total warehouse space owned and rented by the F.C.I.; and

(d) what is the total amount of rent paid by the F.C.I. during the last fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) As on 31-12-1986, the category-wise wheat stock with the Food Corporation of India was as follows:

	(*In lakh tonnes*)
Category 'A' stock . .	54·32
Category 'B' stock . .	24·15
Category 'C' stock . .	2·16
Category 'D' stock . .	1·51

(b) During 1986, the stocks of 'D' category of wheat was at the lowest level of 1.41 lakh tonnes on 1st April and highest level of 2.10 lakh tonnes on 1st January. The stocks of 'A' category of wheat was at its lowest level of 30.47 lakh tonnes on 1st April and highest level of 77.41 lakh tonnes on 1st July. The reason for variation in stocks in higher disposal of 'D' category stocks to the mills, and fresh procurement of 'A' category wheat from the new crop during the year.

(c) As on 31-12-1986, the covered storage capacity with the Corporation was 21.06 million tonnes, of which 10.98 million tonnes was owned and 10.08 million was hired.